

#### Semantic-Web based Annotation and Reasoning for Temporal Information in EHRs

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#### Introduction

- Time is essential in clinical research
  - Uncover temporal pattern
    - Disease level
    - Patient level
  - Explain past events
  - Predict future events



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- Vast amount of data
- Structured data
- Data embeded in narratives
- Many temporal relations are not explicitly stated in the clinical narratives, but rather needs to be inferred

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The Semantic Web provides a suitable environment for temporal data representation and reasoning:

- Standard mechanism with explicit and formal semantic definition
- OWL DL
- SWRL
- Reasoning tools, querying and storage mechanisms

#### **System Overview**





# **CNTRO Ontology**

# **Clinical Narrative Temporal Relation Ontology (CNTRO)**

- Event
- Time
  - Time Instant
  - Time Interval
  - Time Phase
  - Time Period
- Temporal Relation



#### **CNTRO Overview**





# **CNTRO Evaluation**

153 sentences with temporal information

- 178 events
- 98 time instants
- 10 time intervals
- 53 time phases
- 170 temporal relations
- 142/153 sentences were represented without losing any time-related information



#### **Semantic Annotation**



#### **Semantic Annotation Tool**

- Protégé plugin
- RDF exporter
- Connects to the temporal reasoning framework API
- Will connect with Mayo's cTAKES pipeline







The patient was started on intravenous amiodarone. Both the mid-lad and mid-rca lesions were successfully treated with bare metal stents (bms). Intravascular ultrasound confirmed excellent stent apposition and no edge dissection. Immediately after the procedure, the patient developed incessant vt and vf and received multiple icd-delivered shocks. Despite intraaortic balloon pump placement and advanced cardiac life support protocolguided prolonged resuscitation attempt, the patient expired.



## **Temporal Reasoning Framework**



# **Temporal Relation Reasoning**

- Temporal Representation Normalization
- OWL DL Reasoning
- SWRL-based Reasoning



- findEvent(searchText)
  - returns a list of events that match the searching criteria. Currently we look for events based on text search.
- GetEventFeature(event, featureflag)
  - returns a specific time feature for a given event.
  - Sample query:
    - When was the patient diagnosed with diabetes?
    - When did the patient start his chemotherapy?



- getDurantionBetweenEvents(event1, event2)
  - returns the time interval between two events.
  - Sample query: How long after the patient was diagnosed colon cancer did he start the chemotherapy?
- getDuration(event)
  - returns the duration of a given event.
  - Sample query: How long did the symptoms of rectal bleeding last?



- getTemporalRelationType(event1, event2)
  - returns the temporal relations between two events if it can be retrieved or inferred.
  - Sample query: Was the CT scan after the colonoscopy?
- getTemporalRelationType(event1, time)
  - returns the temporal relations between an event and a specific time if it can be inferred or retrieved.
  - Sample query: Is there any behavior change within a week of the test?



sortEventsByTemporalRelationsOrTimeline(events)

- returns the order (timeline) of a set of events.
- sample query:
  - What is the tumor status timeline as indicated in the patient's radiology note?
  - What is the treatment timeline as recorded in oncology notes?
  - When was the first colonoscopy done?
  - When was the most recent glucose test?



# **Pilot Study**

- Late stent thrombosis adverse event
- Complaint files from Manufacturer and User Facility Device Experience (MAUDE) database
- Detect potential temporal patterns within complaint files of similar adverse events



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- Evaluation
  - System answered 65 out of 73 questions correctly
  - Accuracy: 89.04%
- Errors caused by ambiguities in annotations



#### Connection to LifeFlow (Very Preliminary)



Aligned by stent implantation dates





#### Aligned by thrombosis dates



#### Time from implantation to thrombosis



# Connection to LifeFlow (Very Preliminary)

- Relative time information
- Uncertainty
- Known sequence, unknown duration
- Time intervals



#### **Summary**

- A more robust and semantically crisp model
- A semi-automatic annotation system
- A temporal relation reasoning framework
- A user friendly querying system







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